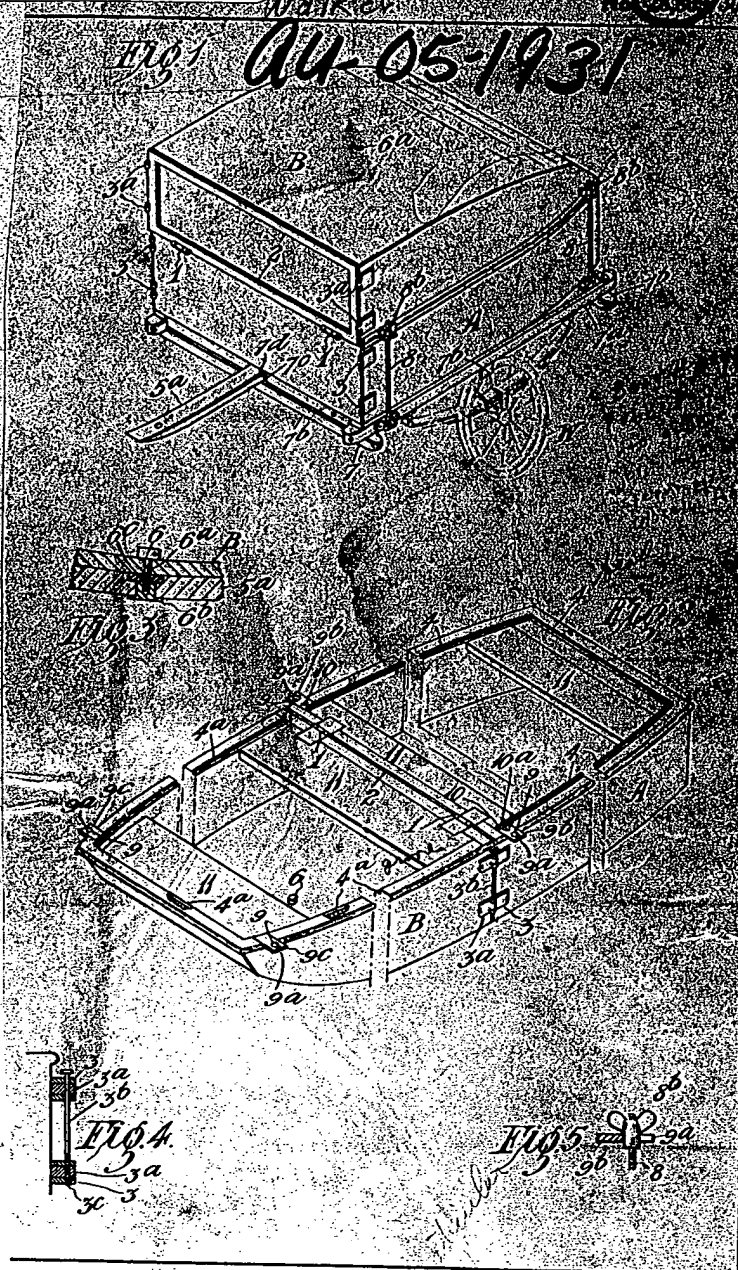


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3. The construction in Claim 1 or 2 but
with, on one section, a keel having an extension projecting under and fixed to the other
section while the sections form a punt, but
5 with—when the sections are folded to constitute a box—said extension projecting and
usable as a handle or draw bar.

4. A punt comprising distinct compartments, constituting sections which are fold-
10 able to form a box with one compartment
inverted over and fitting upon the other,

and with continuous or interrupted beadings or the like to form joints as described, and
with means to fasten the said sections in
their respective positions, all as described
with reference to the drawings. 5

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see Figure 1, a head or ridge 2, which may be of rubber, to closely meet the surface of the other transverse end which may have a groove (not shown) in which the head would enter.

I provide also for holding the sections together in punt position, on adjoining parts of the sides of each section, sockets or eye fittings 3, 3a, and by inserting a pin 3b (vertically for example) through the sockets or eyes, connect the sides of the sections. In the case illustrated the pin 3b, lower, and 3c, is secured by a screw threaded engaging one or more screw threaded sockets or eyes, that is to say one or more of the fittings 3, 3a, is a screw threaded. The pins 3b are to be removed when the punt is to be folded.

In order when the sections are folded to form a box, to join their meeting parts closely together, I provide a head or ridge 4 around section A, for example. This may be of rubber, and I provide in some cases a groove 4a in the other section B into which head 4 will when required engage.

Each section is of any predetermined suitable form and size, the fore and aft part not necessarily different in bottom contour as shown.

A keel 5 is fixed to the base of one section A. Said keel projects therefrom and its projecting part 5a is fixed to the other section B temporarily when required, as by a bolt 6 (see Figures 2 and 3) which passes downwardly at 6a through the bottom and engages the keel part 5a. To do this conveniently I provide a socket piece 6b and a rubber or other suitable washer 6c, thus forming a watertight joint. It is necessary to unfasten bolt 6 to enable the sections to be folded into box shape. This brings the part 5a of the keel into the position which allows of its use as a handle or draw bar.

The box is illustrated mounted for transport, on a carriage 7, having wheels W, longitudinal bars 7a and cross bars 7b. One of the latter is shown with a gap 7c into which part of keel 5 enters in the box position, there being provided preferably at each side of the gap, a lining or buffer, of felt or rubber 7d. As many cross bars are thus gapped as is necessary for the alignment of the box on the carriage, which can itself be extremely light and portable and of any suitable design.

As a modification, heading 2, which may be interrupted instead of being continuous. Thus a series of bosses could be used to enter corresponding sockets.

The box illustrated in Figure 1, is temporarily fastened on a carriage 7, which is fitted with a winch bolt 8, which has a base pivoted to fittings on the carriage, the bolt threaded bolt heads being furnished with wing nuts 8b.

The sections A, B are shown with side fittings 9b, 9c, respectively, having slots 9a. Parts of the nuts are entered in enlarged parts 9 of the slots 9a after engagement of appropriate fittings, each with a slot 8a as in Figure 18. The sections are thus firmly fastened constituting a box secured on a carriage.

In the case illustrated, fittings 9b are located that they can carry a bolt 10, and show (see Figure 2) a hole 10 in each fitting, and in one hole 10 a rowlock 10a. But other known locking arrangements may be used.

Various details not shown, obvious to all, may be provided, and shown there may be said.

The punt can be fitted with an outboard motor, or other motor, which when not in use can be stowed in the punt, or other articles pertaining to the punt, be enclosed in the box.

I do not illustrate mounting of the box on wheels directly, as methods of so doing instead of using a carriage 7 are obvious.

Having now fully described and ascertained my said invention and the manner in which it is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is—

1. The combination of a fore and an aft section having transverse ends adjacent to one another when the sections are in longitudinal alignment to form a punt, each section having side fastenings means to cause the sections to retain punt form, the sections being hinged together, whereby when said fastenings means are loosened, the sections can fold into box form.

2. The combination hinged together, of a fore and an aft section, each constituting a compartment which when separate can float independently, and side fastenings to fix said sections in longitudinal alignment, forming a punt, said sections being, upon loosening said fastenings, foldable to form a box, said box having means to facilitate fastening it upon a carriage, as described.